

MHDS COMMISSION – SPECIAL MEETING
July 30, 2021
9:30 am to 12:00 pm
Zoom – Approved 8/19/2021

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsy Akin
Sarah Berndt
Diane Brecht
Teresa Daubitz
Don Kass
Janee Harvey

Timothy Perkins
Jeff Sorensen
Cory Turner
Russell Wood
Lorrie Young
Rep. Dennis Bush

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sen. Jeff Edler
Rep. Lindsay James
June Klein-Bacon
Shari O'Bannon

Maria Sorensen
Sen. Sarah Trone Garriott
Richard Whitaker

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Theresa Armstrong
Wendy DePhillips

Bill Kallestad

Materials Referenced:

2021 MHDS Commission Cost Increase Letter

Welcome and Roll Call

Russell Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to a special meeting of the MHDS Commission. Russell asked Wendy DePhillips to do a roll call of the Commission members to determine who was present. Quorum was established with ten members present virtually. Russell asked Commission members to let the Commission know of any conflicts when voting.

Review and Vote on 2021 MHDS Cost Increase Letter

Russell thanked everyone for attending a special meeting of the MHDS Commission to review and vote on the 2021 MHDS Commission Cost Increase Letter due to the Department of Human Services, Director Kelly Garcia by August 1, 2021. Russell indicated that this was one of the statutory duties of the MHDS Commission to advise on budgets and appropriations concerning disability services by consulting with the Director regarding the amount needed to address the increase in the costs of providing services.

A draft of the 2021 MHDS Commission Cost Increase Letter was provided to the Commission members. There was discussion regarding each of the specific recommendations with considerable conversation regarding the recommendation for the maximum allowable fund balance.

Sarah Berndt motioned to approve the 2021 MHDS Commission Cost Increase Letter with the changes discussed during the meeting. Tim Perkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with Cory Turner and Janee Harvey abstaining.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Adjourn

Don Kass motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Betsy Akin. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Wendy DePhillips.